

Remarks

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 9, 2004. This Office Action issued a Restriction Requirement, indicating that Claims 1-40 (Group I) and Claims 41-62 (Group II) were patentably distinct from one another and, as a result, were subject to Restriction/Election.

In response to this Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects to pursue Claims 1-40 (Group I) for further prosecution in the present application. Applicant hereby cancels claims 41-62. Applicant reserves the right to present any canceled or withdrawn claims in a separate patent application or in the present application should such presentation be appropriate.

The Office Action also requested that Applicant provide updated information pertaining to the related patent applications listed in the specification at page 1, lines 11-17. In response to this request, Applicant has provided a replacement paragraph to the paragraph in the specification at page 1, lines 8 – 18 containing updated information associated with the related patent applications listed in the amended paragraph. The Office Action further requested that inventorship information be provided for each of the applications listed in this paragraph. Mr. Radhika Roy is the sole inventor on each of the applications listed in the paragraph at page 1, lines 8 – 18.

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